
Government of the District of Columbia



D.C. Office of the Tenant Advocate

Testimony of

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Public Oversight Roundtable:

**“Review of District Agencies’ Compliance with Certified Business Enterprise
Expenditure Goals”**

Council of the District of Columbia

Committee on Business, Consumer and Regulatory Affairs
The Honorable Vincent Orange, Chairperson

Monday, January 25, 2016
9:00 a.m.

Room 412
John A. Wilson Building
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

1. **Question:** What was your expendable budget for FY 2015?

Response: \$4,586.00.

2. **Question:** Are you aware that 50% of your expendable budget must be spent with CBEs? Did your Agency spend at least 50% of its FY 2015 expendable budget with CBEs? If not, why?

Response: (1) Yes, I am aware that 50% of the agency's expendable budget must be spent with CBEs.

(2) Yes, the agency spent at least 50% of its FY 2015 expendable budget with CBEs.

(3) In fact, the OTA spent 740.50% of its expendable budget (or \$33,540.91) with CBE in FY 2015.

The agency's expendable budget consists of administrative and operational items, including office supplies, equipment maintenance contracts, and translation services.

In all relevant areas, the Office of Contracting and Procurement (OCP) is responsible for selecting vendors on the agency's behalf. The OTA has no control over this process, nor is the OTA consulted, nor is the OTA given information as to whether those selected meet the CBE criteria.

3. **Question:** What is your agency spending plan for your expendable budget for FY 2016?

Response: OTA's expendable budget for FY 2016 is \$111,864.00.

OTA's total spending plan that was entered for FY 2016 is as follows:

Procurement Description	Amount
Attorney - Tenant Law	\$250,000
Computer Purchase	\$15,000
Emergency Moving and Storage Services	\$35,000
Interpretation and Translation Services	\$10,000
Legal Reference - Westlaw	\$4,000
Office Supplies	\$10,000
Printer Purchase	\$35,000
Venue and Services for Annual Tenant Summit	\$75,000
Total	\$434,000

4. **Question:** What dollar amount is you required to spend with CBEs in FY 2016?

Response: *OTA's CBE spending goal for FY 2016 is \$55,932.*

5. **Question:** What are your agency CBE expenditures for the first quarter of FY 2016?

Response: *OTA's CBE expenditure for the first quarter of FY 2016 is \$18.13.*

*All figures came from Rebecca Berry, OCFO, other than those for question four. Question five was checked against the 'FY16 CBE Opportunity Guide'. Tamela also checked the figures.